

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the following paragraphs in the specification:

Replace the paragraph in the specification at page 1, line 6:

--This Application is a continuation of and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to co-pending U.S. application 08/961,792, filed October 31, 1997, which is a divisional of and claims priority 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. application 08/686,583, now U.S. Patent 5,716,588, filed July 26, 1996, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from Italian Patent Application Serial Number MI 95/A 001756, filed August 7, 1995, all three of which is are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

Please replace paragraph on page 7, line 22 with the following paragraph:

--The steel chamber of a gas purification device, shown in Figure 2, was charged with about 22 grams of the manganese and iron getter material supported on zeolites. The gas purification device was connected to a gas line through inlet and outlet connections with valves for controlling the gas flow located upstream and downstream of the gas purification device. The gas purification device was heated at about 400°C under a steady stream of hydrogen for about four hours and then for approximately another four hours at 400°C then under a steady stream of argon. The resulting producing a spectrum of iron and manganese materials which include a mixture of iron and manganese oxides in reduced form. The gas purification device was then cooled to room temperature under a stream of argon to provide a getter material of reduced iron and manganese, which is mostly comprised of reduced oxides supported on zeolite. -- The expression oxides in reduced form includes oxides that have been "fully reduced" (and, as such, are in the zero oxidation state).